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OFFICERS 1895-96

HONORARY PRESIDENT

THE COUNTESS OF ABERDEEN.

President, ...	MRS.	ROBERT REID
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REPORT OF THE

MONTREAL WOMEN'S CLUB,

SEASON 1894-95.

THE third year of our club life is drawing to a close, and a brief retrospect of our affairs is necessary. The general condition of the club is highly satisfactory, many new members having been added, bringing our complete membership up to 91. We regret to record the loss, by death, of one of our most valued members, the late Mrs. C. T. Williams.

The Treasurer's report shows us a balance on the right side of $87.69.

We have held fifteen regular meetings during the year, eight business meetings and seven for the discussion of papers. Our regular programme was slightly altered, the paper on "Physiology" and the paper on "Music" not being given, but for the latter a very able and charming paper on "Emerson" was substituted. It is undesirable that the printed programmes should be in any way disturbed, but the circumstances were unusual; and whilst much regret was felt at the club not hearing these papers, yet the postponement was unavoidable. As will be seen from the reports of departments the subjects discussed were all important, and the discussions were carried on with much spirit. There is a tendency, however, to choose subjects too technical or abstract for the average woman. It should be remembered in arranging the programme that these papers are not to be read to a body of special-

ists. The wider culture of the day has certainly fitted women to take a very general grasp of a large range of subjects ; but it should be remembered that we are women of varied tastes and talents, in fact we are not specialists ; and whilst the function of a club should not be mere entertainment of its members, yet there are many subjects interesting in themselves and doubly interesting to us as women that would reach every member because in some relation to her own work in life. This, too, might be done without in any way lowering the ideal of the Club, and the result would be to increase the interest of each member, make discussion more general and intensify the *esprit de corps* that undoubtedly is a feature of our organization.

Apart from the regular programme of work, lectures were delivered on the following subjects : " Malformation of the Pelvis and the Spine," by Dr. James Chalmers Cameron, at which her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen presided, and to show the importance she attached to the subject brought her daughter, Lady Marjorie Gordon ; " The Bread and Butter of the Nation " was given by Mr. J. A. Robertson, Dairy Commissioner for the Dominion of Canada, a literary lecture on " Shelley," by Mr. Walter Townsend, and one by the Rev. J. Edgar Hill, on "Human Nature and How to Make the Best of it." These lectures were of the most valuable and interesting character, and, treating as they did, the three sides of our nature : the physical, mental and moral, were a fair exponent of the scope of the work attempted by the Club.

The practical work of the Club has not as yet brought forth a great result, the best fruit ripens slowly. The study classes grappled with two very difficult authors this year, Emerson and Browning, but the difficulties encountered have but whetted the appetite, and, like Oliver Twist, we are calling for " more."

An excellent plan (arranged by the Home and Education Department) to introduce cooking into the public schools, has been rendered unnecessary by the sudden determination of the School Commissioners to establish a course in their new school, the Aberdeen. May all our plans for work find as speedy a realization. The petition presented to the School of Art and Design has really accomplished its object, the Council having resolved to establish classes for women, but as yet are undecided between classes in domestic science and those in applied design. However, the Council has asked for a report on the subject before making a final decision, and it is hoped that the importance of the latter work will be influential in opening the art classes to women. It should be gratifying to the members to know that the advice and co-operation of this Club were invited not alone in the matter of arranging these classes for women, but also in regard to the approaching International Exposition, to take charge of the Women's Department. A decision has not yet been reached as to the desirability of undertaking such a responsibility.

The social side of our nature has not been forgotten, three very successful teas having been given during the year.

The Club members are indebted to the President for the opportunity of meeting the distinguished lecturers, Mrs. Mountford and Miss Mary Proctor, daughter of the astronomer, Richard Proctor, and the study class through the kindness of Mrs. Reid and the Alumnae of McGill had a charming afternoon with the Rev. W. S. Barnes discussing Browning's poem "Old Pictures in Florence." We are indebted to many ladies outside and inside the Club circle for music at our monthly meetings—music too which was of a high type, and added much to the afternoon's enjoyment.

The prosperity of the year has been fitly crowned by the gracious acceptance of the Honorary Presidency by Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen, who has on many occasions shown her warm interest in the Club and her sympathy with the work we are banded together to do. With an Honorary President known through the wide world and regarded as the noblest type of womanhood of the present day; with a President whose zeal, capability, and devotion to the highest interests of the Club cannot be equalled, much less surpassed; with members whose enthusiasm is as conspicuous as their ability, we can look forward with confidence to a year of greater prosperity than even those since the year 1892, each of which has been more successful than its predecessor.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITA MACNAUGHTON,

Recording Secretary.

Dr. TREASURER'S REPORT, FROM SEPT. 1st, 1894 TO MAY 1st, 1895. *Cr.*

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Balance Oct. 1894	$115.40	To Rent	$174.00
By Fees	219.00	Papering, etc. Club Room	24.65
Sale of Reports	3.75	Water Tax	11.64
Lectures	10.75	Fee to National Council	2.00
Sale of Cake	4.00	Souvenir to P. C. Ryan	8.92
Sale of Tickets	6.10	Type-writing Law Lectures	5.00
Rent of Club Room	3.00	Printing Reports	17.50
		Advertising	19.13
		Postage	9.47
		Cabs for Lecturer	2.00
		Cash on hand	87.69
	$362 00		$362 00

S. H. McGibbon, *Treasurer.*

PROGRAMME

Oct. 28—Social Science.

How are Clubs Helpful to Women ?.. { Mrs. McGibbon. Mrs. Southwell. Miss Dodsworth.

Nov. 25—Home and Education.

Household Management ..... Mrs. W. S. Barnes.

Dec. 23—Art and Literature.

Early Days of University Education for Women in England .... } Mrs. John Cox.

Jan. 27—Social Science.

Cooperation..... ..... { Mrs. Stokes. Mrs. Stuart. Miss Dixon.

Feb. 24—Home and Education.

Nursery Hygiene .....Dr. Elizabeth Mitchell.

March 23—Art and Literature.

The Stage in Relation to Art and Morals..... } Mrs. Walter Townsend. Miss Saxe.

April 27—Social Science.

Women in Business .... { Mrs. R. M. Liddell. Miss Eglauch.

May 18—Home and Education.

Discussion on Citizenship..... .....

DEPARTMENTS.

HOME AND EDUCATION.

Chairman.

MRS J. H. LIDDELL.

Directors.

MRS. JAMES SHEARER.

Mrs. J. C. Sinton
Mrs. W. S. Barnes
Mrs. W. N. Evans
Mrs. Charles Morton
Mrs. Robt. Reid
Mrs. Simister
Mrs. Charles McLean
Mrs. C. H. Dobbin
Mrs. Allan Parsons
Mrs. James Robertson
Mrs. W. G. Macnaughton
Mrs. F. F. Workman
Mrs. S. Baylis
Mrs. John Lovell

MRS. ANDREW MCLAREN.

Miss E. Lovell
Miss A. Smith
Miss Mathewson
Miss Barnjum
Miss Reynolds
Miss Eglauch
Miss Binmore
Miss Derick
Miss G. Hunter
Miss Hunter
Miss Phillips
Mrs. B. Chaffee
Dr. Elizabeth Mitchell.

ART AND LITERATURE.

Chairman.

MRS. WALTER TOWNSEND.

Directors.

MISS EGLAUCH. MRS. SOUTHWELL.

Mrs. W. G. Macnaughton
Mrs. R. D. McGibbon
Mrs. A. R. Grafton
Mrs. Anson McKim
Mrs. A. Kyle
Mrs. Page Thrower
Mrs. John Black
Mrs. M. C. Baker
Mrs. R. C. Adams
Mrs. James Robertson
Mrs. McIntyre
Mrs. R. M. Liddell
Mrs. J. H. Liddell
Mrs. W. T. Cumming
Miss W. Eglauch
Miss G. Hunter
Mrs. H. R. Y. Reid
Miss C. E. Fraser
Miss E. Warren
Miss Robt. Reid
Mrs. Wallace Stroud

Miss May
Miss Saxe
Miss M. Saxe
Miss Dodsworth
Miss Linton
Miss Wait
Miss D. Ross
Miss Ferguson
Miss Dally
Mrs. W. Brett
Mrs. Allan Parsons
Mrs. Kolmyer
Mrs. Gardner
Mrs. Alex. Caldwell
Mrs. E. M. Renouf
Mrs. W. B. Lindsay
Mrs. Dunsford
Mrs. John Lovell
Mrs. W. D. Sutherland
Miss McKeand

STUDY CLASS.

Browning ..... { Miss G. Hunter, B. A. / H. R. Y. Reid, B. A. } Leaders.

SOCIAL SCIENCE.

Chairman.

MRS. WALLACE STROUD.

Directors.

MRS. R. C. ADAMS.

MRS. R. G. STOKES

Mrs. Bullick
Mrs. Stuart
Mrs. McGibbon
Mrs. W. T. Costigan
Mrs. Alex. W. Grant
Mrs. Freeland
Mrs. Ed. O'Connor
Mrs. Robt. Reid

Mrs. Kolmyer
Mrs. C. Ryan
Mrs. J. Lewis
Mrs. George Martin
Miss McIntosh
Miss Dixon
Miss Warren
Miss Eglauch

COMMITTEES.

SOCIAL.

Chairman.

MRS. ANSON MCKIM.

MRS. BULLICK. - - - - - MRS. R. G. BROWN.
MRS. GEO. CAINS. - - - MRS. R. M. LIDDELL.
MISS LINTON. - - - MRS. ALEX. CALDWELL

MUSICAL.

Chairman.

MISS COSTIGAN.

MRS. ROBT. LOVELL. - - - MRS. A. MCLAREN.

ROOMS AND LIBRARY.

Chairman.

MRS. J. H. LIDDELL.

MRS. ALLAN PARSONS - - - - MRS. J. BLACK.
MISS WARREN - - - - - - - - - MISS SAXE

DEPARTMENT MEETINGS.

ART AND LITERATURE

First and Third Monday at.....4 P. M.

SOCIAL SCIENCE.

Second and Fourth Tuesday at ..... 11 A. M.

Literary Meetings, &c .....3.30 P. M.
Directors' Meetings.....10.30 A. M.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

NAME.

1. The name of this organization shall be the Montreal Women's Club.

OBJECTS.

2. The objects shall be mutual sympathy and counsel, and general literary and philantropic work.

3. This Club shall be divided into three departments, representing the different lines of work, namely Home and Education, Social Science, Art and Literature.

OFFICERS.

4. The officers of the Club shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

5. These officers, with three directors nominated by each Department and elected by the Club, shall constitute the Board of Management.

6. The majority of votes cast shall be required to elect.

7. One of the Directors shall be designated as Chairman.

8. These officers shall be elected by the Club at each annual meeting.

BY-LAWS.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Managers. In case of her absence these duties shall be performed by the Vice-Presidents in the order of their election.

SECRETARIES.

2. The Recording Secretary shall take careful notes of each meeting and report the same at subsequent meetings. She shall also prepare a memorandum of unfinished business for the use of the President.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall send out all notices of meetings and conduct the correspondence of tho Club, keeping the same on file.

TREASURER.

4. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the club, which she shall pay out only upon the order of the Board of Managers. She shall take and file vouchers for all disbursements of money, and shall keep an account of all receipts and expenditures. A monthly statement shall be required by the Board, and full report of the finances of the Club, at the annual meeting, the correctness of which must be attested.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

5. The Board of Management shall transact all routine business of the Club, fill all vacancies in its own body. They shall at their first meeting and annually thereafter appoint all standing committees. The chairman shall attend all stated meetings of her Department, arrange and provide for the work of such meeting and be responsible

for the fulfilment of the programme for the day. She shall, if required, report the work of her committee at the monthly meetings of the Directors, and shall report the work for the year at the annual meeting.

MEMBERSHIP.

1. A candidate for membership must be proposed in writing by two members of the Club who are personally acquainted with her. Such candidate must be proposed at a regular meeting of the Board. A vote cast by two-thirds of the Board shall elect.

2. A candidate shall accept membership within three months of her notification, or such election shall be declared void. A membership thus forfeited or a name rejected shall not be reconsidered during the official term of that Board of Management.

3. An initiation fee of $3.00 shall be paid upon acceptance of membership, and thereafter an annual fee of same. All rights of membership shall be forfeited until such dues be paid. Membership thus forfeited may be restored by unanimous consent of the Board of Management and the payment of back dues.

Four additional By-Laws were added by the Directors at a recent meeting of their Board, and adopted by the Club at its Annual Meeting, held in Y. M. C. A. Building on May 14th.

4. If the conduct of any member of the Club, either in or out of the Club-room, be or have been such as to endanger the character, good order, or welfare of the Club, or be or have been prejudicial to its interests, the Board of Management may on its own resolution, and shall at the written requisition of fifteen members of the Club, call a

special meeting of the Board of Management to consider the question of censuring, expelling or suspending such member. At least six days' notice in writing shall be given each member of the Board of such special meeting, and the notice must specify the business to be transacted. Six days' notice of the meeting must also be given, by registered letter, to the member whose conduct is in question, and such member shall have the right to submit a written answer to the charge, which must be mailed, registered, to the Corresponding Secretary. At such meetings at least ten members of the Board of Management must be personally present, and the resolution of censure, expulsion or suspension may be passed if at least two-thirds of those present vote in favor of the same. The Board may by a vote of a majority of those present decide to hear the member whose conduct is questioned, and may by a majority vote adjourn such special meeting from day to day —no further notice being necessary. Any member censured, expelled or suspended as aforesaid shall be immediately furnished, by registered letter, with a copy of such resolution, and such member may at any time, within two weeks after such notice has been forwarded to her, appeal from such decision to a special general meeting of the Club. Six days' notice in writing must be given to each member of such meeting, and the notice must specify the object of the same. Twenty-five members shall form a quorum at such meeting and the decision of three-fifths of those present shall be final.

5. All votes shall be by ballot, and in the event of a tie the Chairman shall have an additional or casting vote.

6. No report of the proceedings of the Club shall appear in print without official permission. Members will be held responsible for the observance of this rule by their guests.

MEETINGS.

1. The Annual Business Meeting shall be called by individual notification.

2. Three shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Management and five of the Club. Regular meetings shall be called on the second and fourth Monday of each month during the Club year of eight months, from October to May inclusive, at 3.30 o'clock.

3. The Board of Managers shall hold regular meetings on the first Saturday of each month of the Club year, and also on the Saturday preceding the first meeting in October, if considered necessary.

4. Special meetings of the Club may be called by the Board of Managers by individual notification. Special meetings of the Board may be called in writing by the President or Secretary at the request of two or more of the Directors.

5. At all special meetings no business shall be transacted except that for which the meeting was called, which business shall be clearly stated in the call for meeting.

6. The Annual Meeting shall be held the second Monday in May.

AMENDMENTS.

1. The Constitution and By-laws may be amended at an annual or special meeting of the Club by a two-thirds vote of the members present, the amendments having been proposed and approved at a previous meeting of the Board of Directors and a copy thereof appended to the call of meeting.

2. The deliberations of all meetings of the Club shall be governed by "The Woman's Manual of Parliamentary Law," Harriette R. Shattuck.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Countess of Aberdeen ..... London, Eng.
Mrs. Celia Parker Woolley ..... Geneva, Ill.
Mrs. Julia Plato Harvey ..... Geneva, Ill.
Miss Agnes Maule Machar ..... Kingston, Ont.
Mrs. Lydia M. Von. F. Mountford ..... Toronto, Ont.
Miss Mary Proctor ..... New York
Miss Annie L. Jack ..... Chateauguay

ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Adams, Mrs. R. C.
1892
Adams, Miss
1893

Baker, Mrs. M. C.
1892
Black, Mrs. John
1892
Bullick, Mrs. J. S.
1892
Barnes, Mrs. W. S.
1893
Brown, Mrs. R. G.
1893

Costigan, Mrs. W. T.
1892
Cumming, Mrs. W. T.
1893
Caldwell, Mrs. Alex.
1895

Andrew, Miss M.
1895

Baylis, Mrs.
1894
Barnjum, Miss
1893
Binmore, (M. A.) Miss

Brett, Mrs. W.
1893

Chaffee, Mrs. B.
1895
Cains, Mrs. W.
1893
Costigan, Miss
1892

Dyer, Mrs. W. A.
1894

Duff, Mrs. J. M. M.
1893

Dobbin, Mrs. C. H.
1892

Dunsford, Mrs.
1895

Eglauch, Miss W.
1892

Freeland, Mrs.
1894

Fraser, Miss C. A.
1893

Francis, Miss G.
1893

Grant, Mrs. Alex.
1894

Gardner, Mrs. W. S.
1895

Hunter, Miss
1892

Hunter, (B. A.) Miss G.
1892

Kyle, Mrs A.
1893

Lewis, Mrs. John
1892

Lovell, Mrs. John
1892

Lovell, Mrs. Robt
1892

Lovell, Miss E.
1892

Linton, Miss
1893

Derick, (B. A.) Miss C.
1892

Dodsworth, Miss
1893

Dally, Miss
1895

Dixon, Miss
1894

Evans, Mrs. W. N.
1893

Francis, Miss E.
1893

Francis, Miss E. S.
1893

Ferguson, Miss
1895

Grafton, Mrs. A. B.
1893

Hayes, Mrs.
1894

Hardie, Mrs. John
1894

Kolmyer, Mrs.
1893

Liddell, Mrs. R. M.
1893

Liddell, Mrs. J. H.
1893

Laing, Mrs. James
1893

Lindsay, Mrs. W. B.
1895

Lockerby, Mrs.
1893

McKim, Mrs. Anson
1893

Macnaughton, Mrs. W. G.
1892

McGibbon, Mrs. Robt
1892

McLaren, Mrs. Andrew
1893

Munn, Mrs. Stewart
1894

McIntyre, Mrs. H.
1893

Martin, Mrs. George
1893

Morton, Mrs. Charles
1894

McLean, Mrs. Charles
1894

Murphy, Miss M.
1895

Matthewson, Miss
1893

Mitchell, Dr. Elizabeth
1893

McIntosh, Miss J.
1893

McKeand, Miss
1895

McArthur, Mrs. Colin
1894

Mullarky, Mrs. J. B.
1894

McLea, Miss
1893

O'Connor, Mrs. Edward
1893

Parsons, Mrs. Allan
1894

Philips, Miss May
1894

Reid, Mrs. James
1893

Reid, Mrs. Robt.
1892

Ryan, Mrs. C.
1893

Robertson, Mrs. James
1892

Rae, Mrs. David
1894

Renouf, Mrs. E. M.
1895

Reynolds, Miss May
1893

Ritchie, Dr. Grace
1892

Reid, (B. A.) Miss H. R. Y.
1892

Stroud, Mrs. Wallace
1892

Sinton, Mrs. J. C.
1892

Stuart, Mrs. E.
1893

Sutherland, Mrs. W. D.
1894

Shearer, Mrs. James
1892

Southwell, Mrs.
1893

Simister, Mrs.
1893

Stokes, Mrs. R. G.
1893

Saxe, Miss
1894

Saxe, Miss M.
1895

Smith, Miss Annie
1892

Thrower, Mrs. Page
1893

Townsend, Mrs. Walter
1893

Workman, Mrs. F.
1893

Waud, Miss Eliz.
1893

Warren, Miss
1892

Wait, Miss
1893

Waud, Miss
1893

IN MEMORIAM.

MRS. C. P. PAYETTE.

MRS. C. T. WILLIAMS